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Future depends on budget, mayor says

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

The Town of Elk Point is "waiting to see what's in the provincial budget when it comes," Mayor Lorne Young says. The 2019 budget, tabled in late October, "left a lot unanswered. We hope the 2020 budget will help us understand what the future holds as far as grants go."

The Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) grant is the largest grant the town receives, and municipalities have been advised that MSI funding will continue in 2020 and 2021, but with substantial reductions from previous levels and the town has taken measures in its own interim budget to cope with the decrease.

What the Town of Elk Point and other smaller municipalities across the province didn't know when they worked on 2020 budgets, however, was that they would be billed for a share of policing costs.

"We passed the interim budget prior to the announcement, and we tried very hard to avoid increases, while maintaining services, and finding ways to save money," Mayor Young says. (Continued on Page 3)



SUN DOGS AT HIGH NOON- Elk Point resident Lyn Young captured a pair of sun dogs that bracketed the sun at its highest point in the sky over Main Street, Elk Point on last week's frigid Thursday as winter's coldest temperatures descended on northeast Alberta, cancelling school bus runs and sending everyone in search of their warmest winter wear.

New committees added to Chamber AGM agenda

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 Review Staff

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce has set Wednesday, Feb. 5 for the 2020 annual general meeting, and spent part of last week's meeting adding to the agenda.

President Terri Hampson noted that nominations for all four executive positions will go to a vote at that time, and that any changes to the chamber's bylaws will also be up for discussion. After discussing the year's upcoming events, it was agreed that three new subcommittees tasked with overseeing the spring fundraiser, Small Business Week and Extravaganza will be set up at the AGM as well.

After limited response to the 2018 Spring Fling dance, last year's Spring Fling wrestling event proved hugely popular and was seen as a good family outing, with Hampson adding that "the wrestlers said they had never seen such an active crowd." With everyone agreeing that a repeat performance would be equally successful, Hampson was given the go-ahead to get

quotes for another show.

Small Business Week isn't until October, but discussions are already underway about Business of the Year awards and a suitable event at which they would be presented, which chamber vice president Nathan Parsons commenting that this could be a great opportunity to promote all the businesses.

Extravaganza is even further in the future, and discussions centered around how much further that would be, with some feeling it should be held just before Christmas, and the planners of the 2019 event urging that it once again be linked to Shop Local Week.

The meeting was also a time for updates from the members. Town of Elk Point CAO Ken Gwozdz told the chamber that with results now in from the storm-water study, more grant applications can now be made for projects involving the two towns, the county and summer village. An impact assessment of regional economic growth, which would include everything from traffic statistics to inventories of water and sewer infrastructure, is another future possibility. He also indicated that the province has lowered corporate income

tax and that the planned carbon tax rebate may prove to be larger for those in rural areas such as Elk Point.

Hampson reported that the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) will be launching a workplace survey later this month to identify in-demand and difficult-to-recruit occupations as well as recruitment and retention challenges. The survey will be distributed online, and she will forward it to the chamber members so that they may give their input.

The president also outlined upcoming plans for Elk Point's Economic Development Committee, which will be doing another SWOT analysis in coming weeks, hoping to catalogue the community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as they narrow their focus to tangibles.

The St. Paul/Elk Point Tourism Initiative Committee is now known as RTIC, Hampson said, and is hoping to create packages that will encourage visitation. The next RTIC meeting is coming up Jan. 14 and with no Elk Point business representative yet on the committee, Friends of the Forts president Vicki Brooker volunteered to fill that role. (Continued on Page 2)

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Headlines from a weather-challenged 2019

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May

Elk Point's Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated International Dance Day on April 29 with their annual Spring Concert, which included a group of eight tiny tots from Play2Learn Daycare who charmed the audience with their Daycare Polka, and a breathtakingly beautiful Gypsy Nights dance by the senior group, that graced the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre stage for the first time.

A total of 345 riders and drivers set off from Lindbergh on the eighth annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride, participants ranging from 81-year-old Joe Corbiere of Mallaig to one-year-old Bentley Michaud of St. Paul, and came from as far away as Italy. Elk Point Elementary School marked 10 years of talent showcases, with 17 acts showing off skills in dance, music and song, comedy and athletics to their parents and peers.

An assessment drop of just over \$7 million brought about the second annual mill rate increase for Elk Point ratepayers, however, due to the drop in assessment, many ratepayers would not see an increase in their property tax, CAO Ken Gwozdz told town council.

Dallas Bristow accepted the Three Mile Angus Grand Champion Steer award after he edged out Kailey Wiirsta in the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club Achievement Day Parade of Champions, while Lexi Wirsta swept the Female Show, winning the Crest View Angus Grand Championship with her Angus two-year-old cow and calf and the Family Ties Angus Reserve Championship with her Charolais three-year-old cow and calf.

June

After an in-depth presentation on the potential value of an urban hen pilot project and hearing words of support from area residents, Elk Point town council approved the applicants' request to keep a maximum of four hens in a backyard coop for a six-month pilot project that would be re-evaluated at the end of that period. It was viewer's choice at the 2019 Elk Point Auto Club Car Show with 76 entries including a 1969 Mercury Cougar Eliminator, a 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo and a 1927 Chev, the oldest entry among the lovingly restored vehicles shown off along Elk Point's main street.

Keeping STARS in the sky has been the mission for Elk Point Emergency Services annual golf tournament, this year's tournament honouring the late Lyle Frisby, who was instrumental in organizing the event in its first 19 years, and "This tournament was Lyle's baby," Cassandra Moores said. "It's definitely difficult to do it without him." Elk Point 4-Hers collected second place for both Team Judging and Stall Display at the District 4-H Show along with several showmanship and grooming awards.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce declared their 2019 Spring Fling a success, with the family-friendly wrestling show drawing an excellent crowd of all ages on May 31, and turning a profit that president Terri Hampson estimated at just over \$2,600.

Elk Point and District Lions Moose Lake Walleye Classic had a new format but neither the trade of weigh boats for the new format of measurements and digital photos nor the weekend's wet and windy weather could keep over 70 teams of dedicated fishing enthusiasts from hauling in some excellent catches

with overall winners Kevin Schafer and Chris Kindraka puling in 69.73 pounds in the two days, their wins adding up to \$12,184 in prize money.

July

Moving vans' and dandelions are facts of life in today's world and Town Council revised two bylaws in place that reflect those issues, allowing larger vehicles up to five tones, such as moving vans, to park on residential streets for a limited amount of time when required, and removing the control of dandelions from the Unsightly Premises bylaw's requirements.

Canada Day 2019 started off with sunny skies for the long lineup waiting for pancakes, but strong winds blew in ominous cloud cover and the day's organizers reluctantly started their transition to 'Plan B', with volunteers moving everything from large inflatables to the beer garden indoors and out of the weather, the heavy rain moving off in time for viewers to dig out toques and mittens to watch the Fire Department's car smash, FCSS outdoor movie and the fireworks.

Requests through the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS community counselling program were at an all time high according to the update County of St. Paul interim CAO Tim Mahdiuk presented at the regular county council meeting, with only have \$500 left in their budget for the year.

Elk Point Midget Sox came home from Midget A Provincials in Chestermere covered in glory and proudly wearing the provincial gold medals after defeating the host Chestermere Crushers by three runs in a challenging duel.

Elk Point Mayor and Airport Commission chairman Lorne Young welcomed stakeholders and visitors to the Grand Opening of the Elk Point and District Airport's upgraded facility, adding that this was actually "a grand reopening" for the airport, which was originally opened on Sept. 18, 1985, and was being held in recognition of the most recent upgrade, installation of LED lights.

August

A meeting with Alberta Environment and Parks Minister Jason Nixon provided renewed optimism that the government was hearing public concerns about Alberta's approach to fisheries management, said Ray Makowecki, of the Next Step Team, a group representing organizations, municipalities, businesses and non-government biologists, and leading the charge to challenge the methodology used by Alberta Environment in recent years to increasingly curtail fishing opportunities in the region's lakes.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce caught up on the summer's happenings, after taking July off, and tourism was first on the agenda, president Terri Hampson reporting considerable progress on a listing of day trips and points of interest being prepared by tourist information clerk Tessa Pindroch, in response to a request from Alberta's Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization.

Elk Point Oilmen's Association named Joe MacKinnon their 2019 Oilman of the Year, as the association hosted the 36th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, with Sean Hill and Jaylen Epp named the tournament champions.

It was a long process for Elk Point to finally obtain a third doctor, and after Dr. Adenike Ashaolu was joined by her family, the whole community was invited to a barbecue in their honour where both Mayor Lorne Young and County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham praising her choice of Elk Point as a place to practice.

September

The lengthy process of creating the St. Paul - Elk Point Regional Partnership's Regional Recreation Master Plan was finally complete, providing a guiding, strategic document to help with informed decision making and future collaboration between the partner municipalities of the Town and County of St. Paul, the Town of Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay when they provide recreational facilities and opportunities. (Continued on Page 7)



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Chamber

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The roundtable discussion heard that Servos Credit Union is planning quarterly information sessions on financial planning, with the first, on retirement plans, coming up the following day. Branch manager Jennifer Dallier said she is "happy to leave 2019 behind us; it's tough to be in the banking world these days."

Cornerstone Co-op manager Nathan Parsons said the Co-op's planned kids' events got off to a slow start, but more are being planned for Valentine's Day and Easter.

The Town of Elk Point has a new bylaw officer, Tammy Goddu, who has already been dealing with cows and dogs, as well as other bylaw infractions, Gwozdz said. The town's grants are locked in for

two years, and police funding "will have to be collected as general revenue," he noted.

Recreation Director Cristin Tchir has booked an escape room for Friday, March 27, which she says is "something for the whole family." The self-defense course was very well attended and "people were really glad to have it," with requests being made for another session in the future.

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Astronaut Joshua Kutryk ready for next step

VICKI BROOKER
Elk Point Review

When LtCol Joshua Kutryk steps into the International Space Station or onto the moon or Mars some time in the future, a large number of Elk Point and Beauvallon area are going to say, "That's our home town boy," while a dozen families around the region can add, "He's a relative of ours."

Kutryk, who celebrated the end of his basic training last week with fellow Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jenni Sidey-Gibbons of Calgary and their NASA classmates in Houston, Texas, formerly called both Elk Point and Beauvallon home.

Just before leaving for the basic training course in the summer of 2017, he attended a meet-and-greet in Elk Point that reunited him with his Grade 3 teacher Lee Wruth, former classmates and their families and neighbors from 1991 and 1992, when his father, RCMP Sgt. Barry Kutryk, was posted in Elk Point.

Representatives of 11 of 12 families in the area who are proud to call him a relative joined him on stage that evening

for a keepsake photo, and many reminiscence were shared, with The Review's sports reporter Doug Bassett recalling that he taught him to play ball that summer of 1992.

From Elk Point, the senior Kutryk was transferred to Whitehorse, his final posting before he retired and moved

back to his family's homestead at Beauvallon.

After graduating from Two Hills High School in 2000, Kutryk joined the military, patrolling Canada's north from the air and later becoming a fighter pilot in Afghanistan and Libya before going back to school and earning four university degrees, eventually becoming an experimental pilot, flying F-18s.

He tried out for the astronaut recruiting program in 2008 and made it to the final four before being cut, and "When this recruitment came out, I knew I had to give it my best shot," he said during his 2017 visit.

"This is the icing on the cake, to be serving Canada."

Kutryk and Sidey-Gibbons are officially becoming astronauts soon after Canada became partners with NASA in the Lunar Gateway Project, part of the Artemis program that will see the first woman and the next man set foot on the moon. They are also ready to represent Canada on missions to the International Space Station and even to Mars.

When that day arrives, many from our area will be extremely proud to be able to say, "We knew him when..."



REMEMBER THIS? Astronaut Joshua Kutryk and his onetime minor ball coach Doug Bassett check out a baseball Kutryk autographed for Bassett before he left Elk Point in 1992, during the 2017 meet-and-greet.

Mayor

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While he is "a hundred per cent in agreement that we need more policing," the mayor is "taken aback that all rural municipalities are going to be charged for it. The smaller municipalities have never been charged. I'm not saying it's wrong, but it's frustrating."

The importance of the upcoming provincial budget and the added expense for policing for smaller municipalities "is the same thing for all municipal leaders," he says, "and I'll be meeting with a group of them two weeks from now."

The cost of policing will be paid "part federally, part provincially and part locally, and we're all the same taxpayers. Three levels of government are using our money to pay for it." Property owners will be paying a larger share than those who rent, the mayor noted, and he would like to see a way to "broaden the tax base more" so all residents would share the burden.

The policing cost cannot be added to the mill rate structure, in the way that school requisitions and seniors housing requisitions are, Mayor Young says. "Those are all paid for in part by property owners, through property tax. The policing cost has to come from general revenue. I think we can do it, but it's going to cost ratepayers more."

The added cost is especially unwelcome since Elk Point residents are already feeling the impact of the downturn in the economy.

"This small town is here for a reason," the mayor says. "It's here to support the oil and agriculture industries and they're both hurting. It's making a definite impact on the community, and additional impact on young families who have to go where the work is. There are fewer jobs than five years ago, and many families have left. We have a great community with great schools and a better than average hospital, and we're pinning our hopes on diversifying our economy."

The Economic Development Committee "is sincerely looking at opportunities, and council is definitely open for business, we're ready to move forward in every possible way. We're definitely willing to work with people, and will talk with any industry."

Mayor Young feels Elk Point will survive, "because people choose to live here, and the future of the community lies with the generation coming up." Community volunteers also play a huge role, he says. "There are so many groups doing good things, we couldn't exist without them."

Looking back and ahead

One of the positives of the past year comes from the "really great" working relationship the town has with the County of St. Paul and Town of St. Paul, the mayor says. "The support of a combined effort for recreation is very good, the services we provide are used more by the county than the town, and the transfer station and the library are also jointly funded."

In 2019, the municipalities signed off on their Intermunicipal Development Plans, and "that's huge. We formalized our relationship in a cooperative way for a collaborative process" that through joint grant applications, will smooth the way for more work on water lines, sewer upgrades and basic services, when funding allows.

This year, the town is focusing on road repair work, which the mayor said was put on hold while work concentrated on the utility lines beneath, with the first priority being the street in front of the new RCMP Detachment. The town would also like to make more sewer upgrades, and are waiting for approval for the lift station rehabilitation. With infrastructure put in place for a large new facility last year, cannabis project development is progressing, with ground breaking to take place in the spring.

Let them eat pie!

VICKI BROOKER
Elk Point Review

More details of Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations were checked off the list last week, as the Canada Day Committee held their first meeting of 2020.

An impressive amount of the planning has already been taken care of, from the commitment of the Friends of the Library to host their annual pancake breakfast to the approval of the cost of the fireworks and inflatables, and this month's meeting saw the group authorize committee secretary-treasurer Cristin Tchir to sign up Wainwright vocalist Ryan Lindsey as the main stage entertainer for the afternoon show.

Other afternoon entertainment also could include a possible children's talent contest, and one of last year's highlights was given the go-ahead for a second year. The Pie Eating Contest, revived last year after many years' absence, proved to be a tremendous crowd pleaser. This year it is scheduled to take place on the outdoor stage, and should bring an even bigger audience to cheer on the unavoidably messy eaters.

Further discussion of a suitable tent for an afternoon beer garden was deferred until funding is in place.

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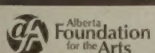
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EDITORIAL

Take care out there!

The coldest temperatures in several years have suddenly descended upon us, and we all need to act accordingly. Stylish dressing goes back in the closet for all ages, in favor of warm coats, hats and mittens, and boots that can handle icy conditions.

Farm families, oil workers and others who work outdoors should have our respect these frigid days, as they have no choice but to deal with the wind chill and sustained cold weather, and we give them a big salute for hanging in and getting the job done, despite whatever the weatherman sends us.

Stay warm if you can, everyone!

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CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

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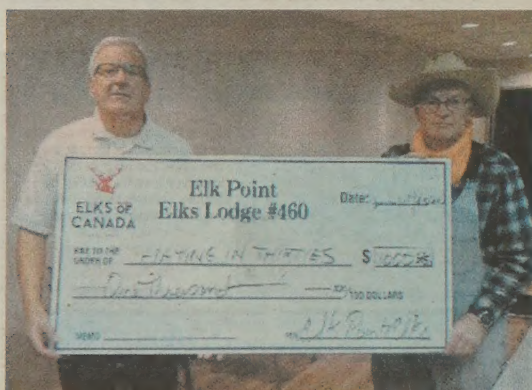
Elk Point's Donna Bassett is a superstar walker. She walked more than 4,000 km in 2019. That is 2,500 miles! Congratulations, Donna, that is incredible!

I've been told Doug Bassett walks twice that amount as he walks twice a day, but does not log his steps. Don't be like Doug, join the community, set a goal, get moving and log your steps.

If you happened to catch my last column, I mentioned there are several benefits to walking in winter... BURN MORE FAT! I challenge you to beat Donna this year, log your steps and plan to move everyday that you are able. Along with walking you can incorporate some resistance training exercises such as walking lunges, every bench you walk to you can utilize it for elevated push-ups, step-ups or bench dips.

Now get out there and move (or maybe wait for nicer temps next week, brrrrr)!

YOUR VIEWS



EXALTED RULER Geoff Hoyle presented Albert Boratynec of Haying in the 30s with a \$1,000 donation from the Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge No. 460 at the January 7 Elks meeting.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Building boom, no parking, new school division

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1985

The 1994 building boom more than quadrupled building permit values, with a total of 65 building permits, for projects valued at \$3,145,450 issued, up from 44 projects and a total value of \$707, with the 1984 permits including an apartment complex and six new homes, three new commercial buildings and three new industrial buildings. A New Year's morning joyride in a stolen ambulance netted an 18-month jail term for a man who found the just-emptied ambulance left running outside the hospital's emergency entrance just too much of a temptation.

1990

Concerns expressed by local business owners over the absence of parking areas for large trucks were addressed by town council, which designated four parking areas for big rigs on a one-month trial basis. Elk Point's first baby of the decade was born Jan. 3, a son for Patrick and Brenda Friesen and baby brother for Megan, and received gifts from the LEARN Program, commemorating the International Year of Literacy, as well as from the Order of the Royal Purple.

1995

Ray Danyluk was elected as board chairman of the new St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 and said the formidable task of uniting four school districts, the Counties of St. Paul and Two Hills, Glen Avon and St. Paul Public, into a cohesive unit "will be a challenge." Town council considered reducing the size of council from seven members to five as of the coming October's general election, with three councillors voting in favor, three against and new Coun. Dan Povsachuk undecided, but wanting to see the mayor

elected by the councillors from among their number.

2000

Agriculture, health care and taxes were seen as concerns by Lakeland MP Leon Benoit, who visited the first chamber meeting of the new Millennium and said while he "tries to stay out of Provincial business," health care is "an important issue to all Canadians." Figure skater Daylan Hoffman received a merit award at the Sectional Alberta - NWT/Nunavut Skating Championships as the skater with the most deserving free skate performance of all 214 competitors.

2005

With Alberta's Centennial year underway, Centennial Ambassador Danielle Schnurer was eager to help her home community to plan celebrations, as one of 100 ambassadors appointed across the province to facilitate locally based events. Alberta mourned the passing of Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole, who was often known as "The Queen of Hugs" in recognition of the hugs she bestowed during her years in public life.

2010

Five years of saving up allocations under the joint Provincial/Federal New Deal program added up to a \$213,262 grant that the town had just received and planned to put toward upgrading 50 Ave. west of 51 Street. The chamber of commerce headed into the New Year with good attendance, and learned that the EcoCentre elevator was being installed, the solar panels were reinforced and were now tracking the sun's position, ready to produce power for the centre.

2015

One of the Chamber of Commerce's New Year's resolutions was to find ways to make the Visitor Information Centre self-sustaining, with utilities one of 2014's big-ticket items, changing indoor and outdoor light bulbs to more energy-friendly alternatives suggested. Devon Nazarchuk and Connor Lychak of the Elk Point Peewee Avalanche put the pressure on Frog Lake T-Birds' goalie Michael Marty Jr. in the second period of the very exciting 'A' final of the 2015 Avalanche Peewee Tournament, which went right down to the wire before the home team scored the winning goal.

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4-Hers attend Oil Kings game

Elk Point 4-H Beef Club went to the Oil Kings Game on Sunday, Jan. 5. The club was on the ice for the honour guard (shown at left,) and 4H member Dallas Bristow shared the honors of the ceremonial puck drop with the president of 4-H, right.

Mona Bristow photos



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Contact: Margaret 780-210-0518 or
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Inquiries regarding this request shall be directed to:

Paul Poulin Manager

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Loss, win for Elks

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It may have been cold outside, but the hardest fans braved the weather and the action in the A. G. Ross Arena was hot, as the Elk Point Elks took on the Wainwright Rustlers on Friday night and Maidstone Jets Saturday night.

Friday night saw the visitors score the only goal in the first period and bring the score to 2-0 in their favor before Myles Whitford put the Elks on the scoreboard early in the second, off assists by Jean-Guy Boisvert and Brae Howatt. Wainwright added another before Kam Ballas scored unassisted and Devin Moneta tied the score, with helpers from Scott Ward

and Dillon Kalinski, but Wainwright again pulled ahead with 24 seconds left on the clock.

Wainwright's lead lasted less than a minute and a half into the third frame, before Donovan Bibeau, assisted by Jordyn Wozniak and Ballas tied it up again. Two quick goals brought the Rustlers back out in front again, and the Elks' fifth goal, by Scott Ward, assisted by Moneta and Jason Kalynchuk, was countered by an unassisted Rustlers goal, with more than half a period to go. The Elks battled on but without success, and pulled their goalie in a last ditch effort to even the score, with the Rustlers making good of that opportunity to end the game with a 8-5 win.

It was a whole different

story on Saturday night, when Maidstone Jets came to town. Boisvert lost no time putting the Elks on the scoreboard, assisted by Howatt, and a goal by Dyson Karbaszewski just over three minutes later gave the home team a two goal lead that lasted well into the second period, when the Jets scored their only goal of the evening, on a power play. That was one of many trips to the sin bin for both teams, with a total of 68 minutes recorded during the period, three of them 10 minutes in length. Penalties aside, the Elks scored three more during the remainder of the period, Ballas assisted by Karbaszewski and Matthew Boulianne, Ward assisted by Boisvert and Whitford and Wozniak assisted by Boulianne, only the last of three on a power play.

The penalties settled down in the third period, but the Elks' onslaught on the Jets goalie didn't, with Boisvert and Ward scoring their second goals of the game, and Boulianne and Karbaszewski adding the others, with two assists apiece for Kalynchuk Whitford and Ballas, and one each for Howatt and Ward, adding up to a 9-1 victory.

With only two games left in the regular season, the final home game comes this Saturday when the Elks host the Meadow Lake Broncos and the following weekend they will head to Wainwright to end the regular season and then head into play offs! Hockey is not over yet!



From the Hack

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

After what seemed like a short Christmas break, everyone was back on the ice last week.

We had two of our kids' teams go to Islay for a bonspiel on Saturday and by all accounts, they had a blast - some cash prizes, gift bags and pizza doesn't hurt either. One team, shown in action above, consisted of Kaylee Skolarchuk, Dason Pinder, Rylan Quinney and Cassie O'Reilly. The other was Brooklyn Porcina, Kaden Bourne and sisters Jessica and Elizabeth Smith. Some of them are off to Marwayne next weekend for another bonspiel and we wish them good luck!

On the league side, after our fifth week of play, the Gibson team holds the top spot with five wins followed by a three-way tie for second between Porcina, Hahn and Lindquist. Check out the Elk Point Curling Club Facebook page for full standings and upcoming events!

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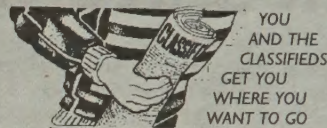
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Elk Point aChamber of Commerce once again questioned whether the annual Christmas Extravaganza would go ahead, and later circulated a questionnaire to gather input on the viability of the event, which has been held annually since 1987.

Frog Lake First Nation celebrated a sod turning for a new high school on Sept. 6, a project described as "state-of-the-art learning facility," that would address overcrowding and accommodate a growing student population in the First Nations community.

Elk Point's Interagency Health and Wellness Committee welcomed newcomers at their first meeting after the summer, including Brenda-Anne Haire-Killam, the new facility manager at Elk Point Health Care Centre, FCSS Director Janice Fodchuk and Chantelle Hammond, who was replacing Christal Brodziak in the Public Health office until 2020.

October

It was a wet and dreary day for the St. Paul Athletics Association (SPAA) cross-country championship event on Sept. 26, but, "Everything went very smooth," said F. G. Miller coach Jonathan Randall. "The weather wasn't great, but definitely could have been much worse."

F. G. Miller Junior and Senior High School presented the academic and sports awards for the 2018-19 school year to students in Grades 7 to 12, with the Grade 9 Achievement Award from the St. Paul School Division coming down to a tie for top marks. School trustee Lorne Young presented the awards to Kobe Warawa and Kori Kozicki.

St. Paul Regional High School and F. G. Miller athletes took home two of this year's Northeast Alberta Schools' Athletic Association Zone banners in cross country running, following strong performances at Ross Lake on Oct. 9, F. G. Miller winning the 2A banner, beating second place J. R. Robson and third place Kitscoty.

Town Council started their meeting with a public hearing on a land use bylaw amendment changing a parcel immediately south of the Elk Point Motel and RV Park, formerly zoned Institutional, to C2 Highway Commercial, and none of the visitors in council chambers were there to protest or speak in favour of the change and the amendment passed second and third readings in the regular meeting that followed.

After 32 years at Heritage Lodge, 16 of those as manager, Loris Kozina was all set for retirement, after residents, staff and representatives of the MD of St. Paul Foundation gave her a warm send-off and Lana Odgaard, who is taking over as manager, MD of St. Paul Foundation CAO Brigitte Sakaluk and board member Lauren Amyotte presenting parting gifts.

November

Elk Point town council was all set for the coming year, with Coun. Terri Hampson becoming the new Deputy Mayor as of Nov. 1, following Coun. Debra McQuinn in the annual rotation, and committee and board appointments determined.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza Committee unveiled plans for the Friday, Nov. 29 Christmas Extravaganza, which would kick off Shop Local Week, Nov. 29 to Dec. 7, in Elk Point, with shoppers given the opportunity to enter draws on both Nov. 29 and Dec. 7.

Remembrance Day 2019 welcomed the best attendance in years to the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre, where a handsome new indoor cenotaph, crafted with care by Royal Canadian Legion member Roger Freeman, stood ready to receive the rows of poppy-decked wreaths lining both sides of the hall.

Sgt. James Morton's request to "Put your hand up if you've been a victim of rural crime in the past five years" brought forth a response from a huge majority of the 80-plus area residents at Wednesday's Town Hall meeting on rural crime, hosted by the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch at Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

December

The County of St. Paul declared a Municipal State of Agricultural Disaster covering the entire County of St. Paul where 35 per cent of annual crops remained unharvested as of Nov. 26.

Small and rural communities would begin contributing to frontline policing costs in 2020, according to Alberta Justice Minister Doug Schweitzer, who made the announcement Dec. 4, with the municipal tax base and population to determine each community's policing costs.

Both Town and County councils said no to a 1.5 per cent increase in funding requested by the Northern Lights Library Board for its 2020 operations.

Two elves and a cast of singers at Elk Point Elementary School couldn't help but agree that the classic song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" just doesn't have much validity in a world where maids no longer milk and calling birds, whatever those are, are way too difficult to find, with the proposed update outlined in the pair of concerts that followed.

Nine members of FGM's Class of 2019 received a total of 17 awards and scholarships this year, with six of the awards presented at the end of the school year with the top recipient and Class of 2019 valedictorian Kingslon Zhang receiving four scholarships.

Full slate weekend for minor hockey teams

Looks like this deep freeze is here to stay for a while. Unless you're in Florida, the best place to spend a weekend when it's this wicked cold is in a hockey arena. True, ours is plenty cold inside at times, but it's still better than being outside for sure.

This past weekend was great. A. G. Ross Arena had a full slate of minor hockey games from morning until early evening, plus the Elks Senior team had games here on Friday and Saturday nights.



teams, but Brendan 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski did an outstanding job in net for the Atom Avalanche. The play was often in the Avalanche end of the rink and the 'Buzz Saw' shutting the door almost getting a shutout, Cold Lake scoring

their two goals very late in the game. The first two goals in the game scored by Remington 'Steel' Reynolds who was on fire, one of them a nice one timer set up by 'Without A Trace'

Morgan, the second one, Remington putting a wrister to the top shelf all by himself. Two goals each for Braylee 'Free Willy' Lesyk and 'Wild Wyatt' Fontaine, 'Wild Wyatt' and Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman with the other assists.

On Sunday the Atoms played a real nail biter against the Mannville Hawks. Back and forth the whole game, one team would score, then the other until the final minute when it was tied up at 7 all, the Hawks getting the winner with only 10 seconds left on the clock. 'Free Willy' with two goals and two assists, 'Wild Wyatt' with two goals and an assist, Denys 'the Menace' Kuba and 'Without A Trace' with one goal each, Remington 'Steel' finding the twine with one and ringing one off the goal post. Some fantastic back checking in this game by Notorious Nolan Ballas. Most kids skate fast going forward chasing the puck, but dog it on the way back.

Not so for 'Notorious', he motors on the backcheck faster the going forward.

The last time the Pee wee Avalanche played was Saturday, December 21 in Bonnyville, coming home with two big points. A full three weeks ago, so naturally they were a little rusty or maybe a tad bit lazy this past Saturday when they hit the ice. You might say they still had some turkey legs from the holidays. And it showed against the visiting team from Kitscoty who showed no mercy and gave the Avalanche a 7 to 1 spanking, 'Top Gunner' Crawford scoring the only goal for the Avalanche. We all know our team can do much better than that and 24 hours later they showed up to play. On Sunday it was whole different story against the Irma Aces. The team, obviously not wanting to repeat the day before's performance, came out of the gate flying, taking a 3 to 0 lead in the first period. The Aces would get a few back in the second period, the score 4 to 2 after 40 minutes, the Avalanche keeping the foot on the gas and the lead. The final score in this one was 5 to 4 for the Avalanche. 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine scoring the first two goals, Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with two goals as well. Dangerous sniper 'Top Gunner' Crawford pulling the trigger on one, hitting the target top corner and adding an assist. Gavin 'Green Light' Kadutski, Ella 'Stellar' Ballas, Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand, Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka and goalie 'Goodyear'

Charlie Lesyk all getting credit with the assists. Almost too close for comfort in the end, but two points is two points and they needed the points. Only the top four teams out of seven in Tier Two will get to play in the playoffs, the winner of the league going to provincials this year, a new concept being tried by Hockey Alberta using the league winners rather than zone playoffs to determine who goes to the provincial finals.

The Bantam Avalanche had a rough, penalty filled game on Saturday against Onion Lake Border Chiefs. At times the penalty box was bulging with more players than on the bench. The Avalanche down by one goal at the beginning of this one, would up the slack going on to win 4 to 1. Two goals for Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney and Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman scoring the other two, Brady 'the Bionic Man' Hymanyk with two helpers, 'Quick Draw', and 'Kid Kade' Fontaine with the other assists.

On Sunday the Bantams hosted Kitscoty, winning a close one 3 to 2. This game had its share of players in the sin bin too. 'Kid Kade' Fontaine, 'Spiderman' and his cousin Josef 'Big Red' Theriault scoring for the Aves, 'Spiderman' and Landon 'the Magnificent' Malchowski with the assists.

A big happy 18th birthday going out today to our granddaughter in Bonnyville, Heaven Colbourne, who played goalie for the Storm a few years ago.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Hockey captures the essence of Canadian experience in the New World. In a land so inescapably and inhospitably cold, hockey is the chance of life, and an affirmation that despite the deathly chill of winter we are alive." - Canadian humorist Stephen Leacock



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